

**Budget and Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2003-10:00 a.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson Joan Delabreau called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. Those present: Anthony Waupochick Sr., Dan Maine, Ann Marie Johnson and Kathy Kaquatosh. Sarah Skubitz was absent. Lisa Waukau, Jeremy Weso and Jennifer Gauthier were also present for the meeting.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

3. **Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2002-**

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to approve the minutes from December 10, 2002.

Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. **Net Revenue Plan-**

Ann Marie Johnson arrived at the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the Net Use Revenue plan. The plan was developed several years ago and was developed to decide where gaming revenue would be distributed, specifically, per capita payments. Tribal Administration stated that the tribe has basically been out of compliance and has never really followed the plan. Presently, the tribe is okay because there was not a per capita payment distributed this year.

If the tribe wants to give a per capita to tribal members in the future they have to find a way to come into compliance or else face IGRA stepping in.

Chairperson Delabreau stated that the committee needs to decide what they are going to do about the plan whether they want to not use the plan and pay per capita with tribal money or if the committee wants to amend the plan.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the casino and their weekly transfers or lack thereof.

Committee agrees that the casino needs to give the tribe a business plan. The tribe needs to know why the casino holds money. Tribe needs to make them submit a business plan and put it in ordinance. Tribal Administration and Finance stated that the whole situation is VERY difficult because every month it's a guessing game as to how much will be transferred over and there is no method to what the casino is doing. Every week and every month the amount is always different.

Committee members would like to know why everything at the casino seems to be such a big secret. Committee members made a suggestion that the tribe should possibly develop an invoice and REQUIRE them to pay the amount for that specific month.

5. **FY 04 Budget Discussion-**

Chairperson Delabreau stated previously that she would like Administration to come up with a time line for the budgets for the next fiscal year. Jennifer Gauthier gave everyone a copy of the timeline and committee members reviewed it.

Tribal Chairperson Lisa Waukau stated that she would like to see everything on the timeline pushed forward one month just in case some employees need to be laid off. Chairperson Waukau stated that she received several complaints about laying off the last bunch of people because there wasn't

adequate time between the budget hearings and the Legislature meeting.

Committee members all agreed and Jennifer will change the timeline. Committee members stated that they felt the budget hearing process went very well last year and would like to stay with it.

6. **Other Business-**

A request was given to the committee members from a teacher/coach at the Flandreau Indian School requesting all tribes send them money to help start a football team for next season. Included in the request was a petition from the students requesting a football team. On that list there are only two Menominee and they are both girls. Committee members decided to deny the request due to the tribes budget situation and that a letter should be sent to Flandreau.

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to deny the request for money from the Flandreau Indian School for a football team. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Committee set their next meeting for February 11th at 9:00 a.m.

7. **Adjournment-**

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services